



# NEWSLETTER

WE EXIST TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER ON THIS JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH OTHERS AND TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO GROW IN MATURITY IN CHRIST



## WITH THANKSGIVING

It was close to this time last year that Jan and I began praying about the possibility of accepting an interim position with a church in Hamilton, New Zealand. The thought of such an experience interested us greatly. At the same time, we could not imagine how it might come about. It was an amazing experience to see how every reason to dismiss the opportunity was nullified. It became obvious to us that God was addressing every concern we would express; everything from raising up people in the church to fill the places we were serving, to finding someone to take care of our cat. Being encouraged by our Pastor and friends, sent with the blessings of our family, we arrived in New Zealand nearly three months ago.

Since our arrival, we have been welcomed and warmly received into your homes. Your kindness towards us has made this time a rich experience that is found only within the family of God. As much as Jan and I wanted to serve you and the Mardon Road Church of Christ, we feel it is you who have served us. As we will be leaving soon, it is as if we are again leaving our family and our church.

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



## INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Hola, Mhoroi, Kia ora, Hey Y'all. We had a great night at the international dinner where a real melting pot of cultures met around some good kai. The dishes were many and varied with tastes from all around the world. The quiz was entertaining but hard - well that's Cliff's excuse for getting 0 out of 5 in the rugby section. And who would have thought there were 16 official languages in Zimbabwe? You learn something new every day. It's great to celebrate our differences while also remembering the things that bind us together, particularly the fact that we are all part of God's family in the Lord Jesus Christ - and this even includes Australians!

## BETTY MOSS

It is with sadness that we report that Betty fell on sleep at 1:00 am on the 4th October. Betty had been a much loved member of our church family all her life and she will be very much missed.

Please keep Brian snr, Peter, Raewyn, Brian and Sarah in your prayers at this time.

"This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that's left now is the shouting—God's applause! Depend on it, he's an honest judge. He'll do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming." 2 Timothy 4:7-8



SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

## shared lunch

AFTER THE SERVICE

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

## COMING UP

- 6th October - shared lunch & baptismal service
- 13th October - farewell to Ron and Jan
- 19th October - youth group
- 26th October - Jeff & Pam Deuble arrive
- 22nd December - Christmas service
- 21st to 23rd February - **CHURCH CAMP**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd - Mark Cooney
- 5th - Glenyss Bennett & Charlie Goble
- 18th - Daisy Miers
- 24th - Emma Cooney
- 28th - Allisyn Spiers

## CONTACTS

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Bill Goble, Neville Brandt

**Care Coordinators:**  
Raewyn Moss, Glenyss Bennett



## YOUTH GROUP

### RETRO GAMES NIGHT

Dressed for the 80's, jaws dropped when the Capernway students made their grand entrance into Mardon Road church! The Mardon Road youth embraced the 'blast from the past', sporting a snazzy selection of groovy games. Joints were popped and backs were twisted in Twister; the teams were strung out in an intense bagel race; a frenzied game of funnel soccer showed off Danielle's exceptional tunnel vision scoring all the points for her team! There was lots of position shuffling when it was announced that they had to pass a lemon with their necks to their teammates – Anna's team seemed to get the hang of this best! We finished the evening off with a devotion from JJ on the importance of being strong in our faith - and some good old fashioned chats over supper. Thanks Maddi and Josh and Charlie for organising a really fun evening that we all thoroughly enjoyed. >> DM and GB

### NEXT YOUTH GROUP

Saturday 19th October  
Ice Skating @ Paradise Ice Skating Rink, Auckland  
Meeting at the Bennetts at 10 am and aim to be back by 5:30 p. Cost \$13 plus money for food.

## CHRISTIAN SCREEN UPDATE

Cliff & Leonie are praising God that they have been able to finally get confirmation from former outlets in Samoa and American Samoa that they wish to continue with the Christian Screen DVD libraries that they had in their churches. This now brings the total outlets to 44. If you are wanting a good DVD to watch they recommend "Forevermore" - the Story of Convicted killer Karla Fay Tucker; or "Bonhoeffer" the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German evangelical minister who helped to get Jews out of the country during WW2. For the children they have lots of VeggieTales, or the Eric Liddell Story (animated) is very good.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

"Unplanned" the movie \$22 each  
Monday 14th  
October, 6:30 pm at  
Events Chartwell.  
See Glenyss TODAY  
to get a ticket!



# OCTOBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Young Adult's Bible study @ Ron & Jan's home	2	3	4	5	6 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Ron Thomas  <b>SHARED LUNCH BAPTISMAL SERVICE 1:30p</b>
7 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Lynette's home	8 Leadership meeting 7:30p @ Neville's home	9	10 Bible study 7:30p @ Kevin & Karen's home Judges 6	11 Roving fellowship 10:00a @ John's home	12	13 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Ron Thomas WL: Tom Bennett  <b>FAREWELL MORNING TEA</b>
14 Ladies night out <b>UNPLANNED</b> the movie 6:30p	15 Young Adult's Bible study	16	17	18	19 Youth Group Ice skating 10:00a	20 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Tom McIvor WL: Carl Brandt James 3:1-12
21 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Joy's home	22	23 Coffee group 10:00a @ Glenyss' home	24 Bible study 7:30p @ Paul & Wendy's home Judges 7	25 Roving fellowship Raglan by the Sea, leaving @ 9:00a OR Hello Sunshine Café 10:00a	26 Jeff & Pam Deuble arrive	27 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Jeff Deuble WL: Paul Goble
28	29 Young Adult's Bible study	30	31			